New insecticide recommended to control various types of flies

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

There is a new synthetic pyrethroid recommended for the control of house flies, face flies and false stable flies that are found in and around farm buildings. It is called Permectrin.

This new insecticide may be applied to beef, dairy, horse, sheep, swine, poultry or pet facilities. Do not make direct application to animals, food or water. Do not use in milk or egg storage rooms. Apply the spray material to walls, ceilings, floors, milking parlors, farrowing pens, loafing stalls, poultry houses, calf barns, horse stables, kennels, corrals, dry lots, feed lots and paddocks.

Directions for making the mix are available from our office.

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Congratulations to the Hix Brothers Dairy. Their milk production has increased 1800 pounds per cow in the past 12 months.

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Jerry Jones, Extension Dairyman, says that, "Milk production could be increased 800-900 pounds by properly preparing cows for milking."

Research has shown that hand stimulation of the teats, which included thoroughly washing and drying for 30 seconds, increased milk production 30 percent as compared to spending only five to eight seconds. Many Appomattox Dairymen do not spend the time needed for maximum milk let down.

Jones says, "Milking should be thought of as the most important five minutes in dairying and this includes both preparing the cow and milking."

Stripping three to four streams of milk from each teat helps stimulate milk let down and reduces new infection from 18 to 7 percent.

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A lot of tomatoes have been transplanted and there are production considerations other than frost protection. Calcium nitrate is the preferred side dressing for all vegetable crops; in addition to the nitrogen, it also contains 20% calcium.

Curly-top is a virus disease of tomatoes. The virus is transmitted by leaf-hoppers. Control these insects or protect plants with partial shade from muslin (tobacco plant bed cover).

Always plant varieties having VFN at the end of the name. This means resistant to verticillium, fusarium, wilt and nematodes.

Maintain proper mositure level to reduce stress that causes blossom-end rot.

Spray with a good fungicide when plants begin to flower, at least weekly. Effective fungicides include bravo, zineb, maneb and captan. Always re-spray following a rain.

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A Forestry and Wildlife Tour will be conducted in Appomattox County May 28. Cost is $10.00, which includes lunch. Space will be limited. Application forms are available from this office.

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Face flies on cattle are beginning to show. They are tough to control. Dust bags are the most effective control. Proper location is essential.

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If you have dairy heifers and dry cows to put in a back pasture, it will probably pay to insert an Estrin Tag. They do an excellent job of horn fly control and offer some help with face flies.

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Want to know about grading logs and lumber? A Hardwood Log and Lumber Grading Workshop is set for June 16-19, Dabney Lancaster Community College, Clifton Forge. We have registration forms.

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There are no backlogs in the soils testing lab. There's still time for some crops.

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Don't use Ridomil as a foliar spray on field tobacco. Foliar application in the field will only encourage development of resistant strain of Blue Mold.

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If you suspect blue mold, please call our office (352-8244). We want to confirm all cases.

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A natural fungi disease of the alfalfa weevil was accidentally found in Rockbridge County last year. We are currently collecting alfalfa samples to determine if it is present in Appomattox County.

ASCS Today

Certification deadline near

By TOM CONRAD

June 1, Last Date To Certify Wheat and Barley Crops - Farmers still have a little time left to report the sizes and intended uses of their wheat and barley crops to the ASCS office and qualify for program benefits. June 1 is the last day to certify fall-seeded program crops.

Since there are no set-aside requirements or normal crop acreage limitations, all farmers who file an accurate acreage report will be eligible for deficiency and disaster payments.

So far 28 farmers in the county have certified the small grain program crops. Some producers also reported spring seeded crops and, at the same time, indicated their intentions to participate in the 1981 farm program.

To qualify for program benefits, accurate certification is essential. ASCS will randomly check farms to verify that acreage reports are accurate and also provide aerial photographs for farmers to identify their fields.

To be sure crop acreages are accurate, farmers may request measurement service. The cost is at least $14.50 per farm and the acreage is guaranteed. Farmers who take advantage of this service will avoid unnecessary worry over the loss of 1981 program benefits.

Appomattox County farmers who have not certified their small grain program crops are urged to do so by June 1. The county ASCS office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Disaster Provisions for Failed Acreages - Farmers whose fall-seeded wheat or barley was damaged by winterkill, drought or other disasters may qualify for payments under disaster provisions of the wheat and feed grain programs.

Farmers should not graze, hay or plow under their failed acreages because they could destroy evidence of the damaged crop before the acreage is released by ASCS.

Farmers with failed acreages of fall-seeded crops should notify our office as soon as possible.

Under the program, farmers may receive payments if a disaster destroys their crops and they are unable to replant or devote it to another use. They may also qualify for disaster payments if they carry damaged acres through to harvest but reap substantially less than a normal crop.

For more information on failed acreages, contact the ASCS office.

Happiness is 4-H

The first Annual 4-H Mini Swine Camp will be held in Farmville at the Five County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 23, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the program is to help young people learn about the opportunities provided through the 4-H Market Hog Project. 4-H'ers will learn details about selecting, judging, feeding, housing, showing and fitting, and methods of financing the project. A special free lunch of barbecued pork will be served. Brochures with details about the field day are available from the Extension Office.

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Virginia ranks third in the Nation in the number of 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Electric Project. Over twelve thousand 4-H'ers were involved in the Electric Projects in Virginia last year. The Virginia Association of Electric Cooperatives provides sponsorship for awards in the Electric program.

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A new pilot program in Dark Fired Tobacco will be started next year in the Piedmont Virginia area. 4-H'ers will be able to enter the program by raising a crop of Dark Tobacco that ranges from 3/10 of an acre to 1 acre in size. Special awards will be provided by the Virginia Dark Fired Tobacco Commission. More details and complete instructions will be available in time for the 1982 plantbed season.

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A large number of Appomattox 4-H'ers have taken the Vegetable Garden Project this spring. Remember to plant some late vegetables as well as early ones so that you may have some vegetables for the Five County Fair. Vegetables such as snaps, butterbeans and squash should be planted in early to mid-July in order to have crops to harvest in early September.

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None Appomattox 4-H'ers will participate in the District 4-H Forestry Judging Contest in Blackstone on May 23. The members will be asked to identify trees, estimate volume, make management decisions, use a compass and pace correctly and identify forest insects. 4-H'ers working on the forestry teams are: Richard Conner, Glen McClenny, Blair Smith, Dale Glover, Nancy Cole, Lisa Harrison, Anne Hancock, Jo Ann Jamerson and Rick Pack.

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Welfare plan cited

A potential 1,000 parents who have children receiving welfare assistance will not get their state income tax refund this year as a result of action taken by the Virginia Department of Welfare.

"Statewide, the Department has recorded 1,000 liens on the state tax refunds of absent parents of welfare assisted children," Jean M. White, Director of the Division of Support Enforcement, said. "Once a support lien is filed, it remains active until the debt is satisfied, even if it is as long as 20 years."

First implemented on a limited basis in Virginia last year, this state tax intercept action resulted in $11,000 in past due support payment collections.

"Activity this tax year has resulted in the Department already recovering nearly $20,000 from 200 liens matched with tax returns due refunds," Ms. White said. "There is also a potential for obtaining collection from the nearly 800 additional liens as well."

At the present time, there are approximately 144,000 absent parents, who are responsible for Virginia welfare families. The Department's Support Enforcement Program, which began in 1975, is responsible for locating and securing support payments from these absent parents, both within the state of Virginia through it network of regional offices and through reciprocity with counterpart agencies in every state in the nation.

"By Virginia law, funds paid to families receiving benefits under the aid to dependent children program create a debt due and owing from parents who have deserted and are not supporting their dependent," Ms. White said.

If the absent parent is unwilling to make support payments, enforcement procedures are brought to bear. These procedures include voluntary wage assignments, measures that "withhold and deliver" a percentage of wages, and lien actions that seize and sell real and personal property to satisfy a support debt.

"These liens are a last resort," Ms. White said. "Every effort is made prior to this to contact absent parents and work with them in making support payments according to their ability."

State tax intercept is being used with considerable success in some other states, and there is a proposal to change federal legislation to expand tax intercept to include Federal tax refunds.

Overall results from Virginia's support enforcement program have grown from a recovery of 2 million dollars in 1975 to its present estimate of 9.2 million dollars for 1981. Support enforcement collections are paid directly to the Department of Welfare and are used to reduce the burden on the taxpayer.

For more information on the support enforcement program, contact Jean W. White, Director, Division of Support Enforcement, 8007 Discovery Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23288, or call (804) 281-9154.

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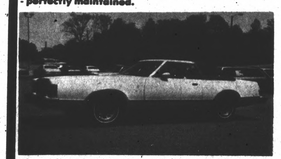

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Rocks news

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Some more rain the last few days. It was badly needed. Another frost Friday morning.

Mrs. Connie Sandman returned home from the hospital after surgery.

Sympathy is extended the Seay family in the death of Bessie Seay on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Lockie Davis is in Va. Baptist Hospital. May she have a very speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Deel, "Are all smiles." It's a girl, Brandy Nicole 8 lbs. 6 oz. born at Va. Baptist Hospital, May 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond went to Monterey recently to see their granddaughter, who is in the hospital there. Hope she has a speedy recovery.

Mr. Charlie Martin who had surgery at Lynchburg General Hospital is now in a room.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Carrie Moore who continues not so well.

Mrs. Raymond Hamlin Sr. is suffering with her back. Hope she will be out again soon.

Rev. Jay Stewart and wife will be here on furlough from Africa in a few days.

He will speak at Rocks Church on May 17 at the night service.

The baptizing at Rocks Church on May 24 at the morning service.

Cassie Baldwin attended the revival at Central Church on Tuesday night and was overnight guest of Mrs. Ressie Pugh. She also visited Mrs. Audrey Hamilton on Wednesday.

A number from Rocks attended the W.M.U. meeting at New Hope Church on Thursday night.

A shower was given Mrs. Laura Coffin on May 2 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Price of Pamplin.

Youth Sunday will be held at Rocks on May 17. The youth will have charge of everything.

JoAnne Elder has returned back to her job after an accident.

The Sunday School teachers appreciation supper was held at Rocks Saturday night.

"A Film" will be shown at Rocks on May 24 at the night service.

Mrs. Lockie Martin went to see a doctor at Appomattox last Monday. Hope she will soon be out again.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Jennie Meadows in the death of her daughter Friday who passed away during an operation at Medical College in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. James Torrence are, "All Smiles". It's a girl, 7 lbs. 4 ozs. Annie Laura born on April 14 at Baltimore General Hospital. Grandparents, Herman and Helen Varner of Pamplin and paternal grandparents, Charles and Minerva Torrence of Appomattox.

Glad Mrs. Margie Beale is at her home in Pamplin.

A number of the Appomattox Chapter of the Longwood College Alumni Association attended the Spring Brunch last Saturday morning in the home of Shirley Eye. Those from Pamplin attending were Mrs. W. R. Brightwell and daughter, Billie Star and Cassie Baldwin.

A speedy recovery goes out to Rachel Richardson who had surgery on Friday.

Services at Chestnut Grove

Regular church services at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church will be held at 11 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month.

The Sensational Harmoneers of Brookneal will be singing at the church at 3 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of this month.

The church will observe the Pastor's first anniversary on Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m.

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